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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

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Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks in Response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006 in the above referenced patent application. This response is submitted within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action, before June 14, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.